

## KANEMORADO ITEMS.

BEAVER CITY, NEB., Aug. 28, 1894.

Our district Conference is now in the past. We had anticipated a good meeting—a spiritual feast such as only these meetings can bring to our souls. It far exceeded our highest expectations. A much larger attendance than was expected, the churches well represented and the Christian association and harmony that prevailed made it a feast to our souls; an Oasis along the path-way of life, to which our minds may revert with pleasure, while remembering the happy associations, the new acquaintances formed, the pleasant hours spent in church work, the beautiful thoughts presented and the pleasure of meeting such an earnest, whole-souled people as we found in the Pony Creek church.

The church has lately remodeled their church building making it a large and commodious building, tastefully arranged and situated in a very wealthy portion of Kansas. They have a flourishing Sunday school with their pastor as superintendant. Bro. Louis Bauman is their pastor, a young man of ability and promise. He was ordained as an elder at this conference. This church is blest with a large membership of young people who are active, enthusiastic and earnest. They have a society of King's Children who are becoming a power in the church. This is the home of our esteemed Bro. E. L. Yoder by whose labors perhaps more than any other minister, this church has prospered.

The mission work in the district received a great deal of attention during the Conference, which we trust will not be in vain. The Conference closed its work on Friday evening, having held five sessions.

The King's Children societies held their first session Saturday morning, by organizing the societies of the district into a district society, a session was held Saturday evening, Sunday afternoon, closing with a union meeting Sunday evening. We enjoyed the privilege of preaching to a large congregation on Sunday morning, our subject being the "Queen of Sheba." We visited during the next week at White Cloud, Kansas—preaching Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night in the Christian church to large and appreciative audiences.

From here we crossed the Missouri river into Missouri, our old home, where we visited relatives and friends another week. Here in Holt co., Missouri, we lived for twenty years. Married here, nineteen years ago. Joined the G. B. Brethren church here eighteen years ago, served them in the ministry seven years; uniting with the Progressive Brethren at Falls City, Neb., Aug. 1892, since which time we have been laboring in the ministry in this state of Nebraska.

On Sunday, Aug. 12, we had the pleasure of meeting with the G. B. Brethren and listening to an interesting sermon from P. E. Whitmer, of Morrill, Kansas, formerly of this place who was called to the ministry at the same time and place with myself and

installed by Bro. Jonathan Lichty (deceased) Oct. 5th, 1878.

After spending one week here, I left for home arriving Aug. 22. Found all well and glad to meet my family and all the dear brethren and sisters of our charge. We have an entire failure of crops here and our people hardly know how they are to winter through. They are not willing to allow the work to cease and go down that has cost them time, money and prayers. They are willing to sacrifice a great deal for the cause but their financial condition is such that it is very burdensome to them. They are willing workers but lack the means, which if they had as some of our churches have, would be used to advance the cause of our blessed Master.

God bless our beloved church.

J. R. KELLER.

## FROM AN ISOLATED POINT.

OTTER CREEK, IOWA, Aug 20th, '94.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Although Otter Creek is an isolated point, we succeeded in procuring the services of Sister Sadie Gibbons for Sunday last. She preached in the forenoon to a crowded house and although it rained nearly all the afternoon we had quite a congregation for the evening services. All seemed to be delighted as they pronounced them two grand sermons. Several of the brethren and sisters of the Garwin congregation were out to hear the good and dearly beloved sister and were much refreshed by the bread of eternal life which she broke and offered from the pulpit to the eager listeners. We feel that she is worthy of praise for her pluck and energy. The trains not making connection as they should have done she hired a livery rig, riding several miles in it rather than disappoint us. How many of us men would have been as firm in a resolve to do good as was this sister of ours? We enjoyed her presence very much and feel very thankful to her.

May God's richest blessings rest upon her and her labors for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ.

After meeting many of us were comfortably housed and hospitably cared for during the night by Brother and Sister C. Ebersole.

FRANK M. CHASE.

## FROM HOMER, OHIO.

The Homer church has no accessions to report, no great work that any one did, but we are still going on in the even tenor of our way. Had a splendid Sunday school picnic. Our superintendent knows how to get up a good thing. We were well represented at the conference, although the pastor was only there one day. Our Brother D. J. Myers is convalescent. Our communion will be held in the near future.

J.

## A VISIT TO ILLIOKOTA CONVENTION.

I write according to promise made to many at the convention. I arrived at Brooklyn on Saturday evening. Sunday morning a full house greeted me at the Brethren church in Brooklyn, and was increased in numbers and interest in the evening. I presented the missionary cause with an earnest appeal. The sisters are doing a grand work at Brooklyn; they have helped the brethren pay their debts and bought paint for the church. Now they are anxious to have an evangelist in the field. I think Brooklyn is the best location in Iowa for our next District Convention. Every person whose name is placed on the program for that convention is expected to be present and every pastor in the Illiokota district is expected to give a report of his work. Let us begin to keep the record now.

It was the expression of the delegates and all who attended the convention in Illinois that it was the best convention ever held by the Progressive Brethren church. Every thing was in our favor. I was not in Milledgeville, but a very short time until I noticed the church and pastor all pulled the same way.

To the critic I would say, if you never saw a Progressive church you was proud of, go to Milledgeville. Now I understand why Elder B. F. Miller sent his everlasting love to the people of that town; they are worthy.

Also, Brother Chase, of Brooklyn requests the brethren and sisters to accept his sincere thanks for the kindness showered upon him while at Milledgeville. Sister Ida Razey, a delegate from Brooklyn, was burned quite badly the morning after she arrived home from the convention, by a flash from the gasoline stove, which burnt her hair, eyes and face. I left Brooklyn Monday morning and arrived in Dallas Center at half past 1 P. M., finding all well. Picked up the BRETHREN EVANGELIST and read Brother Christen's resignation. I presume he stepped into the Brethren church before he examined the platform. I studied every plank of it before I set my foot upon it. I expect to stand like the boy on the "burning deck." If there are any more who are dissatisfied with the principles of the Progressive church, the quicker they resign the better for them and us, if they feel like David did when he thought he wanted to go over to the Philistines. Satan is a blustering bravado and tells David "I would not hide in this cave like a rat in a hole; come over to us."

We often wondered why you took the step you did and lived such an undignified life. Brother and sister if you ever feel that the Brethren church is not dignified enough for you, just remember when Jesus came to the earth and raised the Gospel banner, who it was that stood by him: some poor fisherman a, poor widow, a woman with an alabaster box, Lazarus and his sisters, poor blind Bar-

timeous. It is a wonder Christ did not resign when some of his followers went back. With searching eyes he looked at those who stood by him saying "Will you go also?"

Tomorrow I go to New Virginia and Leon to fill my regular appointments. In the past five days I have traveled 216 miles and preached five sermons. Yes sisters, if I were seeking pleasure instead of precious souls, I would sit in my easy chair in my home, and read my last journal or make fancy work.

CLARA FLORA.

## GOOD BYE TO OUR PASTOR.

EDNA MILLS, IND.

Sunday morning, August 12th, 1894, Elder J. H. Palmer, our worthy pastor, presented his resignation as pastor of the Brethren church at Edna Mills. The church could not at first think of accepting the resignation. After Bro. Palmer explained the case and asked it as a favor for the church to release him, the church reluctantly accepted. Almost three years have passed by since he took this church and the cause has been on the advance all the while. The church has almost been doubled in membership. He leaves us with love and the confidence of all. He resigned in favor of Brother Teeter. So in behalf of this church, we say, good bye, be faithful unto death.

D. J. HETRICK.

## SHE WILL NEVER BE OLD.

There was a company of congenial women before an open fire over a five o'clock tea, and one of them was saying how she hated to grow old and lose her zest in life and its belongings. Then a fresh-faced matron, with a pair of steady true eyes, spoke out with her native vehemence:

"Nonsense! what do the years bring but greater treasures and greater capacity to enjoy them? Do you suppose I guessed anything about real happiness in what we called 'youth's happy days?' Why, every year that I have been a wife and a mother I have known constantly increasing joy, better appreciate what life offers me.

"Every day I value and delight in my friends more and more; every day I take on a wisdom of experience that gives me a sense of power again; what may come, and as to the future and old age, why I never think of it to dread it.

"I shall not be old to-morrow, I say to myself; and what is the future but always only to-morrow? By and by when I do sit in the chimney corner and knit and watch the children's children play around me, I am sure I shall think, how happy and safe am I, and what a beautiful thing life is, particularly the close of it."—Selected.

No man belongs to Christ in earnest who thinks he has a right to do as he pleases with his money.

The more zealous we are of good works the more danger we are in of judging other people.